



Commission on Volunteerism
and Community Service

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Quarterly Commission Meeting

March 28, 2019

9 am – 12 pm

Locations

Illinois Department of Public Health
422 S 5th St, Fourth Floor
Springfield, IL

Illinois Department of Public Health
122 S. Michigan Ave, Seventh Floor Room 723
Chicago, IL

Call-in Option:

Dial: 888-494-4032; Access Code: 4037150212#

Commissioners and Staff in Attendance

Springfield – Turnbull, Jeff; Mathis, Tiffany; Dixon, James; Angelis, Jane; Clarke, Scott

Chicago - Hosteny, John; Marton, Debra; Schuman, Ann; Davis, Laura; Chavkin, Nisan; Copeland, Ami; Silberman, Steve; Furllett, Natalie

By-Phone – Benanti, Jennifer; Rosales, Giraldo; Smith, Tony; Witzel, Jennifer; Dietkus, Rachel; Foss-Eggemann, Charlene; Myers, Jenne; Geenan, David; Brown, Julian; Leonis, Catherine; North, Jennifer;

Guests – Grosso, Steven (Teach for America), Hoen, Josh (Teach for America), Stapleton, Sara (CNCS)

Staff – McFarland, Scott; Hanneken, Michelle; Turley, Melissa; Haynes, Betty; Touray, Kani; Jallow, Mariama

Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. Jeff Turnbull called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the October 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Mathis motioned to approve the minutes. Clarke seconded. Approved via voice vote.
4. AmeriCorps Presentation
 - a. Teach for America provided program presentation.
5. Executive Director Report - McFarland
 - a. Federal Budget Update
 1. The President has recommended the closure of CNCS and then end to the AmeriCorps program. Congress is not expected to accept this request.
 2. A Commission sign-on letter in support of funding is being sent to Congress.
 - b. AmeriCorps Report McFarland
 1. 50 formula applications were received, largest number ever
 3. Formula is increasing by approximately \$200,000
 4. Discussed possibility of programs presenting at Commission meeting

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5. Discussed new disaster response of New Madrid fault line earthquake with Hanneken and Clarke

c. Volunteerism Report –Hanneken

1. NW Volunteer Conference April 10th
2. SIVC Belleville May 16th
3. CIVC June 5th
4. ICOVA August 9th

d. Communications Report – Betty Haynes

1. Social media efforts increasing
2. Moving forward on website redesign
3. Hosteny discussed standards for posting on the Volunteer Calendar

7. CNCS Report –Hosteny

- a. Discussed transformation and sustainability plans
- b. Does not anticipate delaying placements at this time
- c. Discussed Senior Corps and Vista awards

8. Commission Chair Report –Turnbull

- a. Discussed decisions on whether to support transformation plan
- b. Hosteny is staff person of CNCS so will not be asked advice
- c. McFarland says rebranding and tech piece make sense
 - i. McFarland is in opposition with regionalization efforts due to the lack of a direct connection between CNCS and the Commission and the loss of Illinois' CNCS office.
- d. Discussion of transformation
 - i. Ann Schuman agrees with Scott McFarland
 - ii. What can we do?
 1. Go to other states, collaborate, what should fight be
 2. Contact elected officials of federal level
 3. Senators Durbin & Duckworth are our allies
 4. Discussed sending letter from Commission to Governor for support
 - iii. Dixon motioned to send letter to Governor asking him to request CNCS to slow down transformation and not move forward until a detailed plan is in place. Seconded by Davis
 - a. Hosteny abstained from vote and discussion
 - b. Motion passes
 - c. Letter to include keeping continued funding

9. Serve Illinois Foundation Report –Marton

- a. Foundation is in good standing currently
- b. Purpose of Foundation is to become sustainable organization in the future
- c. Discussed working towards fundraising opportunity at Governor's Hometown Awards

9. Committee Reports

- a. Finance – Schuman

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- i. \$199,355 in Foundation account
 - b. Public Relations –Benanti
 - i. No report
 - c. Recognition Events –Mathis
 - 1. Awards on April 9th for Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards
 - 2. Committee discussion to recycle previous submissions
 - d. State Service and Strategic Plans – No report
 - e. Governance –Chavkin
 - i. Following Governor election, committee created info about Serve Illinois and invited Governor’s support
 - f. AmeriCorps
 - i. Davis will make agenda addition about including oral presentation in evaluation of programs
10. Old Business
- a. None
11. New Business
- a. Status of Commission membership, currently at 39 out of 40 slots are filled
 - b. Potential for commissioner training this year was discussed
12. Election of Commission Chair
- a. Nominations from the floor
 - i. Witzel nominated Chavkin- did not except
 - ii. Schuman nominated Marton- accepted
 - iii. With no other nominations, Marton named chair by acclimation
13. Election of Commission Vice Chair
- i. Nominations from the floor
 - j. Angelis nominated Mathis - accepted
 - k. Marton & Schuman nominated Chavkin - accepted
 - l. Mathis and Chavkin discussed their goals as Vice Chair
 - m. Marton requested closed ballots - Performed vote with closed ballots
 - n. Mathis elected Vice Chair via closed ballot majority
14. Adjourn
- a. Turnbull adjourned meeting at 11:48am.

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